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SOCIAL GATHERING.

Reception to Messrs. James and David McConaughy..

On next Tuesday evening the Association will give a special Reception in our Hall and Parlors to our retiring and coming General Secretaries. We cordially and heartily invite our members, friends and all who are interested in our work to be present on this occasion. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock. President G. M. McCauley will make some introductory remarks and Mr. James McCormick will then make an address in behalf of the Association to the retiring Secretary, to which Mr. James McConaughy will respond. Mr. Jones Wister will make an address of welcome to the new Secretary to which Mr. David McConaughy will respond. State Secretary S. A. Taggart will be with us and make an address. The occasion will be enlivened by Prof. Chambers' orchestra, which has kindly consented to be present, and with fine piano and vocal music by some of the leading musical talent of our city the evening will be an especially pleasant one. After the close of the formal exercises, the evening will be spent in social intercourse, bidding farewell to Mr. James McConaughy and general introduction to Mr. David McConaughy, Jr., the new General Secretary of our Association. He will come fresh from his summer vacation full of zeal and energy to assume his new duties. We urge upon our young men to be present to welcome him, and manifest their willingness to cooperate with him in the work which will open up before us this fall and winter. We again cordially invite every friend of the Association.

THE Open-Air Meeting on the corner of South and Cowden streets has received valuable assistance from Mr. H. C. Gebhardt, with his cornet. It has added greatly to the music.

ENCOURAGING.

We should certainly be encouraged by the interest manifested in our Open-Air Work. By the earnestness of the young men that have them in charge, as well as by the large, orderly, reverent and attentive congregations that gather at the meetings every week. Many hear the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in this way, some of whom would probably not hear it in any other.

The lesson for to-morrow is, "Other Foundations Can No Man Lay;" "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."—Matt. 7:24–27.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CLASS.

During the last four months the Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class has been conducted by Rev. J. T. Judd. The studies have been interesting and profitable and the class has increased in numbers and interest under his leadership. Rev. B F. Beck will conduct the study next Thursday evening, and the hour of meeting will be changed to 7.30 o'clock. We again invite all interested in the study of the Sunday-school lesson to attend this meeting.

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A CALL TO DUTY.

The season is near at hand when we can reasonably expect a general revival and greater activity in most departments of our work. The time is fast approaching when the various committees should convene to plan and arrange for each to do their part toward the successful carrying on of our work during the coming winter. We trust the chairmen will act promptly, and call their committees together at an early date.

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION.

Most of our members are aware that the Thirteenth Annual State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Pennsylvania will be held at Wilkesbarre, September 23–26. R. C. Morse, E. D. Ingersoll and Rev. F. Von Schluembach, Secretaries of the International Committee; Rev. George A. Hall, State Secretary, New York; R. R. McBurney, Secretary New York City Association, and many who have long been identified in our work, are expected to take part in the exercises. The following are among the subjects for consideration. Each subject will be opened with a brief paper or address followed by voluntary discussion.

To what extent, and in what way, can we secure the co-operation of Christian Women in our Associations? F. A. Hatch, Erie.

Association anniversaries; their benefits; how arranged for. J. W. Heston, State College.

Gospel Temperance; its place in our Associations; how conducted. W. N. Bessey, Bradford.

How to secure a large attendance of the unconverted at our meetings. H. W. Lambeth, Philadelphia.

How stimulate the study of the Bible. R. A. Orr, Pittsburg.

Report of State Work. S A. Taggart, State Secretary.

State Work—the help it needs. H. K. Porter, Pittsburg.

How neighboring Associations can help one another. James McCormick, Harrisburg.

What may be done by Railroad Men where there are no employed Secretaries? W. V. Calkins, Blossburg.

What physical benefits and recreations can our Associations afford young men? G. M. McCauley, Harrisburg.

Methods of reaching boys. James McConaughy, Harlem, N. Y.

Sunday, the 19th, will be observed by the Associations throughout the State as a day of prayer for God's blessing upon the Convention and the State work. There are good prospects for a large delegation from our Association. Delegates will be elected at the next Monthly Business Meeting. We wish to call special attention of the Associations in this District to the above. It is desired to make this Convention particularly helpful to Associations in small places.

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 1880.

SUNDAY.....9.00 A. M...Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.
August 29. 9.00 " ..Young Men's Bible Class. "The New Birth." John C. Lynch.
1.30 P. M...Mission Sunday School at Lochiel. J. H. Spicer, Superintendent.
3.30 " ..Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.
5.00 " ..Bible Class (Colored). Wesley Mission, Marion near Colder. Charles May.
6.00 " ..Service at City Hospital. Wm. C. Berger.

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS.

5.45 " ..Capitol Park. J. H. Groff.
5.45 " ..Corner Race and Hanna Streets. U. A. Poffenberger.
5.45 " ..Corner South and Cowden Streets. Chas. Kennedy.
5.45 " ..Corner Third and Colder Streets. J. Hervey Patton.
TUESDAY.....8.00 " ..Social Reception in Association Hall and Parlor.
THURSDAY.....7.30 " ..Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class. Rev. B. F. Beck.
SATURDAY.....8.00 " ..Young Men's Meeting. Geo. A. Lippincott.
EVERY WEEK-DAY ..... 8.00 A. M.....Daily Prayer Meeting. 9.45 P. M.....Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Is held in the Reading Room every morning, except Sunday, at 8.00 o'clock, closing at 8.30.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.....*The Laborers in the Vineyard.* Matt. xx. 1-16. Geo. A. Lippincott.
TUESDAY.....*Love before Service.* Matt. v. 21-26. J. N. Deeter.
WEDNESDAY.....*What Work Abides?* I Cor. iii. 9-15. John C. Lynch.
THURSDAY.....*The Long-Suffering of God Toward his Sinning People.* Judges ii. 1-23; Rom. ii. 4. M. Blitz.
FRIDAY.....*Satan Can be Successfully Withstood.* Acts xiii. 6-12; James iv. 7. James K. Dumars.
SATURDAY.....*Lot's Escape from Sodom.* Gen. xix. 12-26. E. O. Dare.

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YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

The subject for the Young Men's Meeting this evening is, "The Barren Fig Tree." "He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

"Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

"And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

"And if it bear fruit well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down."—Luke 13: 6-9.

An opportunity will be given for all to take part in the meeting. Let our young men come prepared to say something bearing on the subject.

FOR THE DISTRICT.

Subjects for the Week Ending Sept. 11th.

Public Meeting.—Bible Reading. — Good Tidings of Great Joy.

1. Freedom for the Slave.—John 8:34, 36; Rom. 6:16–22; II Cor. 4:3–6.

2. Health for the Sick.—Matt 8:16, 17; 9: 12, 35; Acts 10:38; I John 1:17.

3. Water for the Thirsty.—John 4:13, 14; 6:35; 7:37; Rev. 21:6; 22:17.

4. Pardon for the Guilty.—Matt. 26:28; Acts 13:38, 39; Eph. 1:7.

5. The way for the lost.—John 14:6; Luke 19:10; 15:4, 6, 8, 9, 10–24.

6. The truth for the ignorant —John 14:6; 16:13; 17:17; Eph. 4.21.

7. Life for the dead.—John 14:6; 5:24, 25; 11:25, 26; Col. 3:3, 4

Young Men's Meeting.—Called to be fishers of men.—Matt. 4:18–22.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT.

The Millerstown Association expect to be represented at the State Convention. Their membership is increasing. They intend to open a Reading Room next month.

Members of the Newport Association intend to visit four or five Associations in Perry county the early part of September.

Green Park writes encouragingly of their work. Their meetings have been continued during the Summer.

Delville wants an Association.

THE Annual British Conference will be held September 1–2, at Manchester, England. The Tenth Annual Scottish Conference will be held at Ayr, Scotland, September 7th.

THE Young Men's Bible Class held in the parlor every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, would be much more interesting if there were an increased attendance. "The New Birth," will be the subject for Sunday's study.

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